

REMARKS

I. Introduction

With the addition of new claims 20 to 22, claims 1 to 22 are currently pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for considering the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements, 1449 papers, and cited references.

II. Rejection of Claims 1 to 19 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1 to 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0208767 ("Williamson et al."). It is respectfully submitted that Williamson et al. do not anticipate any of claims 1 to 19 for at least the following reasons.

Each of claims 1, 18, and 19 recites, inter alia, the following:

... receiving from a user a user profile which identifies preferred media sources; ... searching for media content based on the at least one search criteria and the user profile ...

The Office Action refers to ¶¶ 0084, 0102, and 0135 to 0157 [sic] of Williamson et al. as allegedly disclosing these features. While the referenced paragraphs may provide for a user profile of parameters according to which a list of programs may be provided, nowhere is it indicated that the user profile identifies preferred media sources. Thus, Williamson et al. do not disclose, or even suggest, all of the features recited in any of claims 1, 18, and 19.

Furthermore, while ¶ 0135 may provide for searching based on search criteria, and while Williamson et al. may provide for separately filtering content based on a user profile, nowhere do Williamson et al. disclose, or even suggest, searching based on both search criteria and a user profile. For this additional reason, Williamson et al. do not disclose, or even suggest, all of the features recited in any of claim 1, 18, and 19.

Accordingly, Williamson et al. do not anticipate any of claim 1, 18, and 19.

Claim 16, as herein amended without prejudice, recites, inter alia, the following:

... determining an availability of the media content from a plurality of media sources that are selected in accordance with at least one user selection interpreted based on a user profile ...

Support for the amendments to claim 16 may be found in the Specification, e.g., at page 6, lines 1 to 7. Williamson et al. do not disclose, or even suggest, these features. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Williamson et al. do not anticipate claim 16.

As for claims 2 to 15 which ultimately depend from claim 1 and therefore include all of the features recited in claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that Williamson et al. do not anticipate these dependent claims for the same reasons set forth above in support of the patentability of claim 1.

As for claim 17, which has been amended herein without prejudice to depend from claim 16 and therefore includes all of the features recited in claim 16, it is respectfully submitted that Williamson et al. do not anticipate this dependent claim for the same reasons set forth above in support of the patentability of claim 16.

Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

III. New Claims 20 to 22

Claims 20 to 22 have been added herein. It is respectfully submitted that new claims 20 to 22 do not add any new matter and are fully supported by the present application, including the Specification. Claims 20 to 22 depend from claims 1, 18, and 19, respectively. It is therefore respectfully submitted that Williamson et al. do not anticipate these dependent claims for at least the same reasons set forth above in support of their respective base claims.

IV. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Prompt reconsideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

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